

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 and 36-39 are pending, and stand rejected. Claims 23-35 are canceled herein without prejudice. Claim 37 is amended herein to correct a typographical error. In light of these amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-22 and 36-39.

Double patenting rejection

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-22 and 36-39 on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-16 and 30-34 of copending Application Serial No. 10/809,798. Applicants' agent submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.73(b) and 1.321(b). In light of this submission, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the provisional rejection of claims 1-22 and 36-39.

Information Disclosure Statement

Assignee's agent notes that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on April 28, 2004. A copy of the Form 1449 is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience. Assignee's agent respectfully requests that the Examiner return an initialed copy of this form.